

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: <b>Yabuta et al.</b>	§ Group Art Unit: <b>3625</b>
Serial No.: <b>09/900,265</b>	§ Examiner: <b>Fadok, Mark A.</b>
Filed: <b>July 6, 2001</b>	§ Confirmation No.: <b>7588</b>
For: <b>Method and System for Performing Commodity Purchasing</b>	§ Attorney Docket No.: <b>JP920000193US1</b>

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Prior to continued examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Listing of Claims** begins on **page 2** of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on **page 5** of this paper.